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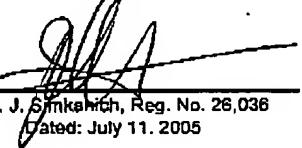
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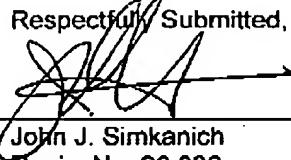
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Sir:

This is a response to a final Office Action dated April 12, 2005, to which a response is due on or before July 12, 2005. Kindly amend the above-cited application as follows.

In the claims:

Claims 1,3 and 7-21 are allowed. Claims 2, 4-6 stand as withdrawn pending the allowance of a generic claim. Claim 11 stands as cancelled. Claims 22-23 stand rejected on art. Amend the claims as recited below, beginning on a new page pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.